



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission June 5, 2018

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 6:00 p.m., at the East Valley Veterans Education Center, 3320 South Price Road, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Keith Finkle, Chair
Troy Friedman, Vice-Chair
William Blair
Lauren Hyre
Patricia Little-Upah
David Lucier
Michelle Loposky

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Mario Aguirre
Laura Skotnicki

City Staff Present:

Parrish Spisz, Council Aide II+
Melissa Placencia, Administrative Assistant II+

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Keith Finkle called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

None present

Agenda Item 3 – Review and Approval of April 3, 2018 Minutes – (Motion Required)

Commission Member Lauren Hyre noted Judge Maxon was not present and noted a misspelling on Meera's name. Chair Keith Finkle noted an error on bullet point (Gov. Doug Ducey). Commission Member Michelle Loposky noted Wanda Wright was in the Air Force.

MOTION: Commission Member Troy Friedman moved to APPROVE the minutes as amended.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Lauren Hyre.

DECISION: Minutes unanimously APPROVED

Agenda Item 4 – East Valley Veterans Education Center Update – Vice-Chair Troy Friedman

- East Valley Veterans Education Center (EVVEC) center has shifted their focus in the ways they work with Veterans.

- Over the last 5 months EVVEC has conducted assessments at various community events (assessment attached)
- In the last 5 months, between EVVEC and West Valley Vet Center there have been 1500 assessments.
- Working with Arizona Pipeline
 - If Veterans indicates they are seeking a case manager through the Arizona Pipeline portal, they are immediately referred to EVVEC.
- Working with Valley of the Sun United Way
- Free Dental Clinic – July 21, 2018
- Vice-Mayor Arredondo-Savage would like to host an East Valley Veterans Education Center Summit to bring all stakeholders to the table

Agenda Item 5 – Strategic Plan Review – tabled for next meeting

Agenda Item 6 – Veterans Commission Outreach Efforts

Commission Member David Lucier reported he has reached out to several different service organizations. These organizations are willing to support to the Commission. Parrish noted the Tempe Chamber reached out to the city to obtain literature on the Veterans Supportive Employer program.

Agenda Item 7 – Tempe Veterans Commission Branding Efforts

The Commission requested an update on the assigned Public Information Officer for the Veterans Commission. Parrish will follow up with Nikki Ripley and update the Commission at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items – ~~July 3, 2018~~ August 7, 2018

- Commission Updates – Parrish Spisz
 - Branding
 - Invite Robin
- Strategic Plan Review
- Commission Officers
- Salute to Service – Michelle Loposky
- Commission Member Announcements

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Next meeting will be on ~~July 3, 2018~~ August 7, 2018

Minutes Prepared by: Melissa Placencia

Reviewed by: Parrish Spisz

Keith Finkle, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission